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SUBJECT: ENERGY: BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF US INVITATION
TO FEB 11 MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT (AS DICTATED BY UK EMBASSY ON
TELEPHONE) OF PRIME MINISTER HEATH'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT
NIXON'S INVITATION. TEXT TO BE DELIVERED TO WHITE HOUSE
EVENING JANUARY 17. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 8 JANUARY.

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WE HAVE SUPPORTED HENRY KISSINGER'S IMAGINATIVE

PROPOSALS FROM THE OUTSET. I NOW WELCOME
YOUR INITIATIVE IN CONVENING A MEETING WHICH
WILL CARRY FORWARD THESE PROPOSALS. AS YOU
KNOW, FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE COMMUNITY
DISCUSSED THIS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AND I
HOPE YOU WILL BY NOW HAVE A MESSAGE FROM
CHANCELLOR BRANDT. I AM GLAD THAT A SATISFACTORY
ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN AGREED FOR REPRESENTATION
OF THE COMMUNITY AT THE MEETING. IN THE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS WHICH WILL NOW
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS WHICH WILL NOW
TAKE PLACE MY PURPOSE WILL BE TO PREPARE
A CONSTRUCTIVE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO
THE WORK TO BE DONE.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THIS PERSONAL REPLY
MY PLEASURE AT ACCEPTING YOUR INVITATION
TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ATTEND THE
MEETING ON 11 FEBRUARY. AS YOU WILL
KNOW, I HAVE ASKED LORD CARRINGTON TO
ASSUME THE OVERALL DIRECTION OF ENERGY
POLICY IN BRITAIN AND HE WILL PROBABLY
BE OUR REPRESENTATIVE.

WE SEE THE MEETING AS OFFERING A WAY
TOWARDS EFFECTIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS
IN SECURING THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF
ALL COUNTRIES. AS WE HAVE SAID, WE SHALL
ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CLOSE AND
EARLY ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCER GOVERNMENTS
AND THE LESS DEVELOPED CONSUMER COUNTRIES
WITH THE WORK ON THE FORMULATION OF POLICY
FOR CONSUMER/COOPERATION AND, INDEED, FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
SOURCES. IN THIS CONTEXT I WAS GLAD TO
SEE THAT THE MEMBERS OF OPEC AFTER THEIR
RECENT MEETING IN GENEVA ALSO SAID THAT
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND

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PRODUCERS WOULD BE USEFUL.

WITH BEST WISHES,

EDWARD HEATH

END TEXT.

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